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Church tower boost, a 'dying' village and a tale of tyranny

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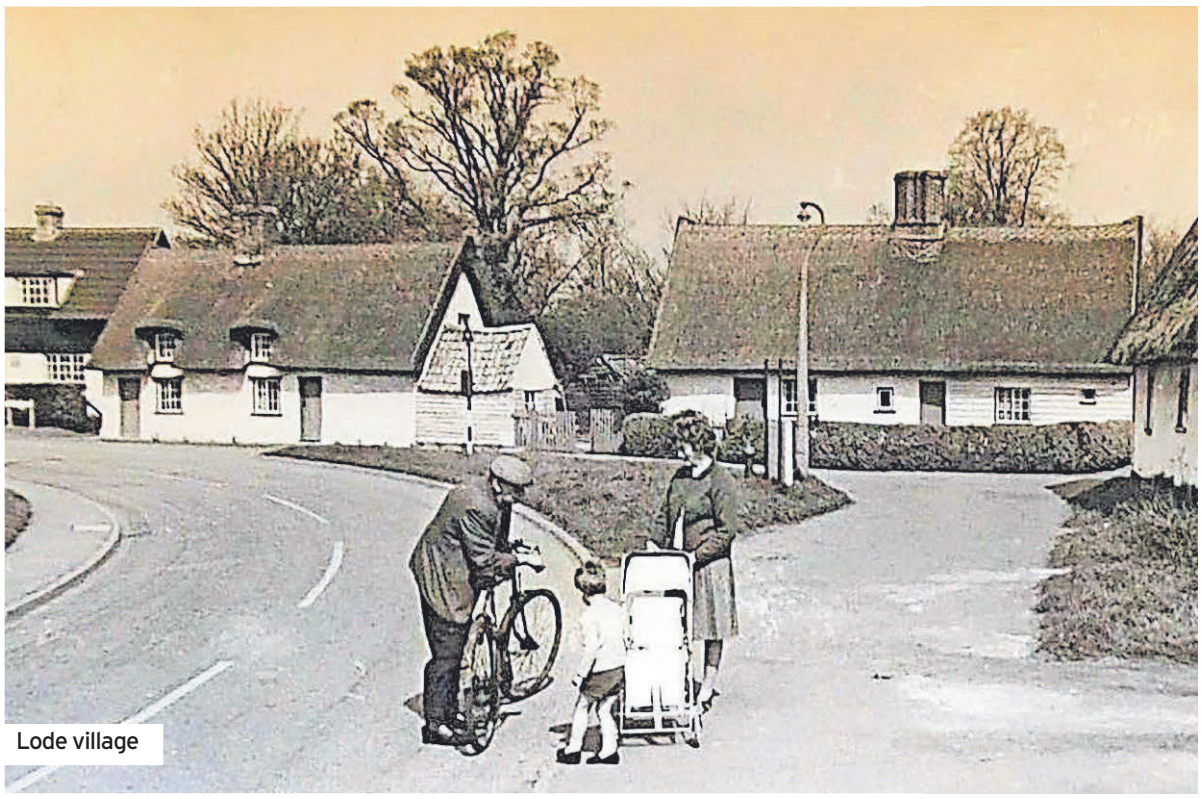


Lode village

The biggest money-spinner ever at Lolworth - 1984

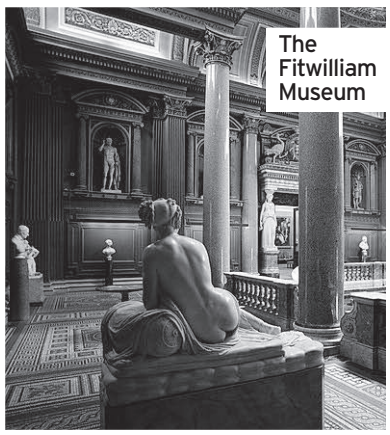
A FUNDRAISING auction at Lolworth which has raised £2,300 will go down in village history as the biggest money-spinning event ever.

It was held to boost funds for the church tower repair fund.

Now, after years of anxiety, the tower has emerged from its scaffolding and again becomes a beacon for passing drivers.

The church does not inspire worshippers with soaring arches and glittering glass.

But it is a loved and lovely jumble and parishioners have laboured long hours with buckets and barrows, concrete and crowbars, to save its dilapidated fabric.



The Fitwilliam Museum

Claims that village of Lode is dying are refuted - 1979

SUGGESTIONS from the vicar that Lode may become a dying village have brought a strong protest from a new resident.

He says: "I am astonished by his implications that it can only be revived by increased building of family homes, by light industry and by attracting summer visitors.

"The numerous clubs and associations, the friendly greetings, the happy school and many signs indicate this must be one of the most vital villages in the area."

But the vicar replies: "In the long term, unless people accept change and plan for it in a positive way, then villages like this will tend to become dormitories."

Newcomers want the village to remain as it is, while people with roots there seek changes that will provide them with employment.

Mobile library receives a parking ticket - 1979

THE mobile library being used while Cambridge's Mill Road library is being repaired has received a parking ticket while operating outside the building.

It has now moved to Great Eastern Street on the other side of the railway bridge.

Now there are fears that its isolation and lack of electricity will force its closure, leaving thousands of Romsey residents without a library.

The police action has angered Cambridge councillors.

Coun Sweeney said: "I have asked the City Surveyor if he could get a pot of black paint and paint out the yellow lines so the library can remain there."

Library desperately needed after 25 years - 1975

AFTER 25 years of arguments, several million pounds of ratepayers' money, and three years of toil, what do we get? The Lion Yard development.

On the first floor is a modest entrance to a building that Cambridge has desperately needed for many years: the new library.

It has three floors. The top will be used for housing the Cambridgeshire Collection.

On the first floor is a children's room where young readers can comfortably browse through their selection. The building bears about as much comparison with the old Wheeler Street library as Buckingham Palace does with the Black Hole of Calcutta.

Civic reception for It's a Knockout champions - 1973

ELY'S victorious "It's a Knockout" team, who followed up their British win and international success at Arnhem by winning the European championship, were given the biggest civic reception ever seen in the city.

Thousands of cheering people lined the streets for what team manager, David Cornwell, described as a "fantastic response".

Afterwards, there was a champagne celebration at the Maltings.

Fitz Museum's wartime story is recounted - 1945

PART of the wartime story of the Fitzwilliam Museum was revealed to members of the Cambridge Women's Luncheon Club.

It was felt that the walls of the original building might not stand up against blast and that the roof was

Clusters of trees 'shelled by volley of artillery' - 1935

A GALE that raged all night wreaked sad havoc amongst the leafy avenues and clusters of trees of which Cambridge is so proud.

The Backs bore the appearance of having been shelled by a volley of artillery and Queen's Road had to be closed.

A Huntingdon elm, the pride of Trinity garden, was blown down.

A tree was blown half into the water at Jesus Green Baths while another came down near Park Parade.

Hundreds of 'conkers' were blown down to the delight of the kiddies and large quantities of ripe and unripe fruit fell on the ground.

The trees which bore the brunt of the gale